

REMARKS

Responsive to the notice of non-compliant amendment mailed January 12, 2007, the underlining of text of newly-added claims 190-192 has been removed.

Applicants have also stricken the period and inserted a semi-colon at line 37 of claim 1.

For consistency, at line 2 of claim 78, "[[physical storage nodes]]" has been replaced with -- ~~physical storage nodes~~ --, and for any claims that have been canceled, the period has been removed after "(Canceled)".

All other claims appear in the same form as the claims filed in the amendment in reply to action of August 18, 2006. No changes have been made to these claims.

Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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